

actually remains free and independent, not a monolithic privately controlled empire. You must take steps to break **up** these monolithic media empires.

Don't let it come back to haunt you,

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Olney, PhD
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p.s. If you are not fully aware of just how concentrated the media have already become, see:
<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/ frontline/shows/cool/giants/>
for the state of the media in 2 years ago. There have been additional mergers and acquisitions since.

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From: mitchell@gassworks.com
To: Mike Powell
Date: 1/29/03 10:21AM
Subject: Media Concentration: reply to public comments

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Mitchell Gass

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Thank you,

Richard Lynch

PS: I/We cannot allow the current commercial media set up to be our only media source, otherwise we'll all be driving SUVs and eating gasoline. Please listen and act wisely with our global futures in mind.
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Thank you,

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From: mail@hand-shake.com
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Subject: Media Concentration: SAVE OUR AIRWAVES!

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Thank you.

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San Francisco, CA. 94114

From: EliotByrne@aol.com
To: Mike Powell
Date: 1/29/03 1:30PM
Subject: media diversity

I urge you to do all that you can to maintain what media diversity we have. Please do not allow ownership of tv and newspaper within the same locale. Real news is already difficult enough to come by, sifting through layers of spin and voices of anonymous government officials whose opinionated pronouncements are printed as news and interpreted as facts by a busy public,

Caryl Byrne

From: Matt Sonn
To: Mike Powell
Date: 1/28/03 4:32PM
Subject: Media Restrictions

Michael K. Powell

Chairman

Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington. D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Powell:

I am writing to tell you *of* my opposition to the proposed changes by your agency to the current Media Ownership Rules.

Further concentration *of* media ownership does not serve our democratic society based upon democratic principles, but instead undermines it. Following World War II, our government placed restrictions upon news media outlet ownership because of how totalitarian regimes used controlled media concentrated in the hands *of* a few corporations and government agencies to control their people and move the world towards war. The proposed changes to the current Media Ownership Rules completely undermines this principle that so many Americans have fought to defend from our countrys birth to the present.

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You should be ashamed that an agency under your leadership is not using what is in the best interests *of* the American public as its guiding principle, but instead is thinking *of* what is most profitable for a few huge corporations who only care about the bottom line, not about what is good for democracy.

Sincerely yours,

Matt Sonn

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Please take this email serious sir as for i feel that the freedom of our nation could be in jeopardy.

Sincerely yours,

Ryan **Ebbs**

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From: Rich Homan
To: Mike Powell
Date: 1/27/03 6:34PM
Subject: Please read.

I think your proposal to abandon media regulations, in sense of media ownership, is flat-out wrong. It's the most 'undemocratic' thing you could do. Everyone has a voice in democracy, and you're destroying that concept.

I know what'll happen if you go through with it. Any protestors, or any people opposing the ruling party, will be shunned out. Or worse, start yellow journalism all over again.

Media is powerful and influential, and that's why everyone who watches CNN and MSNBC (to name a few), automatically get the wrong idea about my sort of people. If you care at all, about what people think, then you'll take this into consideration. **If** not, you're just another fascist.

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From: tc
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps. KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: 1/29/03 2:15AM
Subject: Relaxation of Media Ownership Rules

Anthony R. Conte
80 Harvard St.
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January 28.2003

To: FCC:

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In my own city of Boston I have seen how the arbitrary prohibition of ownership of a TV station by a newspaper led to a dramatic reduction in media diversity and the domination of the Boston newspaper market by the Boston Globe. Channel 5 in Boston was once owned by the money losing Herald-Traveler Corp. which was forced to divest itself of Channel 5 the profits of which subsidized the daily Herald Traveller newspaper. After the corporation lost Channel 5 it soon after sold its newspaper to the Hearst chain and the independent Herald Traveler was lost.

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Very truly yours,

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Date: 1/28/03 9:19PM
Subject: Telecom Act revisions

I am writing to oppose the 1996 Telecommunications Act's effect on the radio industry. This Act has been a disaster for the quality of radio in the United States. Please reverse the direction and force distributed and decentralized ownership of radio stations across the US. We need radio that offers a diversity of opinion and entertainment to reflect the diversity of the US and to foster the spread of information for our citizens to participate actively in a democracy. The 1996 Telecommunications Act has severely damaged the variety and quality of content on the radio. The FCC has done a disservice to the US by fostering the consolidation of radio station ownership and should reverse course immediately..

Thank you,

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From: Jodi Uyl
To: Michael Copps
Date: Mon, Jan 27, 2003 7:01 AM
Subject: FCC don't allow media monopolies

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